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especially the middle and lower class neighborhoods. They need to see the many beautification options available to all neighborhoods, and how other children act to improve their communities, even if it's only mending a sidewalk, building a garden, or planting some flowers. And not only improve one's community, but also be of service to others. We need to celebrate more often on T.V. all the great constructive work being done out there by other children, so that hopefully those not involved yet will begin to start looking at their neighborhoods with different ideas in mind.

What's more, there's the health format, the ounce of prevention approach to good television. We need to start emphasizing on T.V. much more about health, in all its aspects. Emphasizing healthy habits on T.V. can help promote health itself: hygiene, diet, safety. And is there any better way for keeping health costs down than by empowering more folks, especially young folks, with habits of good health?

Television can help transform our relatively sterile educational institutions by showing schools' participation in the above mentioned kinds of activities. In fact the much needed improvement of our schools should be THE most important social cause within the human community. As we all know education is the ONLY way real improvement takes place. In that tremendously important cause television not only can, but should, play a much more significant role. The best source book I know of for educational improvement is John Dewey's "Schools of Tomorrow." It's full of the kinds of social and personal examples I've mentioned here. The more T.V. highlights those kinds of behaviors, the more aware children will become of options for improving their lives. And the more ideas they have the better the chances for acting on some of those ideas. No doubt television will become most worthy of being watched when the formats I've mentioned become its substance, rather than its incidental occurrence.

At any rate, thank you so much for your time and attention to these ideas. I'm convinced the more they're implemented the stronger our society becomes. The only thing we can improve is the present, and more of our children need desperately to see on T.V.--the greatest educational tool ever invented--how that can be accomplished.

Cordially,



Eddie Krall

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Chief Mass Media Bureau,

When our own children
were young, programming was
much better. We do have
eight grand children, so want
to thank you for wanting to
give them better educational
programs to watch & learn
from. All programs for adult
and teenage viewing should
be dumped also. There is not
one program without sex
or violence today. It's time
for clean cut programming &
more adult educational shows
also.

This next complaint is
not only from our home, but
hundreds of other viewers I

now spoken with, and
that to "PLEASE" make
who's ever responsible for
turning down the loudness
of every commercial! ☺

There is no reason at all
for them to be twice the
volume of the program
you're viewing. With it louder
we turn them off and
don't see their commercial
anyway. I hope some one there
listens to this request!

Sincerely

Mrs Dolly Beaman
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I can see that not all television shows are educational but some are. I think educational TV shows are TV shows that show little children their A B C's, how to count and appreciate the value of life.

Here are some examples of good educational TV shows. Sesame Street I know is very educational because it teaches you how to count and spell. Mr. Wig and is very good to because it teaches you the value

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of science and the way
science is put together. Some
examples of bad T.V. shows
is the show S.C. Joe be-
cause S.C. Joe gives bad and
horrible meanings of words.
Another one of bad T.V.
shows are Rated R movies
that have blood and guts
all over the place or bad
words. Now that's how I
feel about T.V.

Sincerely,

Heather

Staples

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Educational + V the
little kids not to do
bad things like drugs
and not listen to your
mom and dad and not
to back talk and to do
your homework.

Define Educational + V is good
↳ learning and it helps kids
to be good sports in all events
too.

Bad
Examples GI Joe: All it shows
↳ good guys and bad guys
kill each other.

good
Examples

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↳ Full House: DJ and Stephanie
help Danny and Jessie and
Joey and the guys help
DJ and Stephanie too I
mean, Full House is
a great show why because

there is NO Violence
habit.

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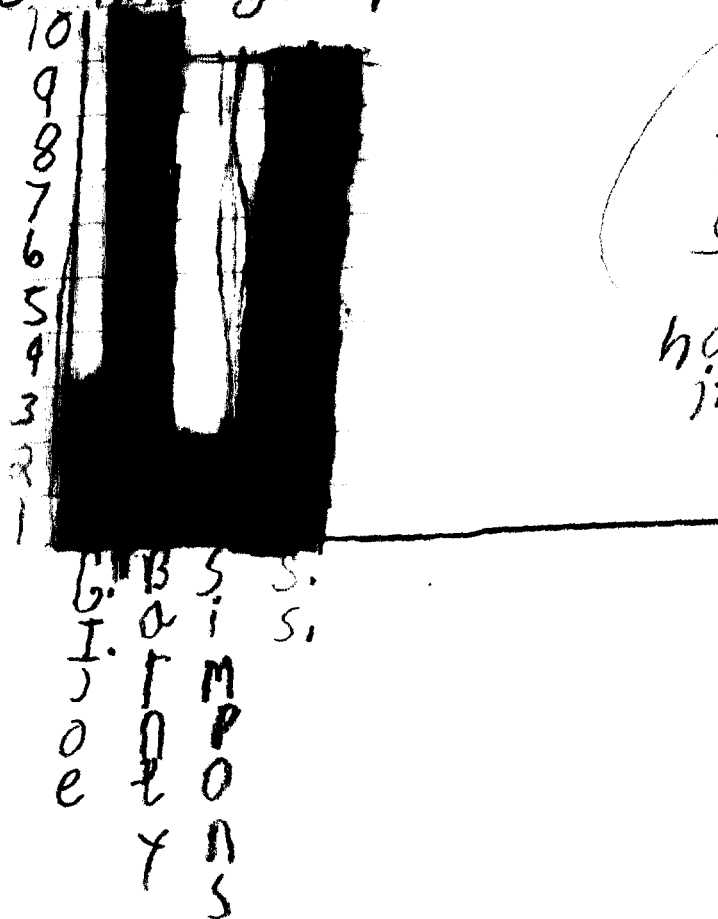
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Dear FCC,
 I think that educational
 teaches kids values.
 Things like Barney and
 friends teaches caring means
 sharing with are values.

Use the graph Bellow to
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 and
 see
 if
 I am
 right.



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 howed.
 it is

I hope you
 like my graph
 Brandon Allen
 Bailey.

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Dear FCC,

I think education television is Sesame Street because it teaches you about numbers and ABCs. The Discovery channel teaches you about animals and plants. Mr. Wizerd teaches you about science. This is not education television GI Jose because they fight each other.

I define that education t.v. teaches you numbers, ABCs, science, history, languages.

from,
Shawn S.

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Dear fcc,
~~As~~ a forth grader I think
educational tv is tv that
teaches you not to Litter.
It teaches you a whole virty of
things.

Tiny Toons is educational
because it teaches you not
to Litter.

Flinstone is not educational
because it doesn't teach
you any thing.

Sincerely,
Adam Kuna

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Dear F.C.C.,

My definition of educational T.V. is T.V. that shows how to act and also teaches you things like numbers and letters. I think an educational T.V. shows are Sesame Street and Californias Gold. Californias Gold shows history and traditions from different parts of California. I think educational T.V. should have values such as caring and sharing and the golden rule. Educational T.V. should have things to watch out for like cocaine, pot, and whiskey and show you what they can do. That's my definition and examples of educational T.V.

Sincerely,

Dustin Lee Driver

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Dear FCC,

I think that Sesame Street is a good show for little kids because it shows you how to say the alphabet. It also shows words that start with that letter. It also shows you how to count. There are 2003 shows a day.

Ghost Writer is a good show because it lets you solve mysteries. It's really fun trying to find out who is writing all of the scary letters. I really like trying to solve the mystery. People like this show because you can learn from them.

Sincerely,

Blythe

2nd Grade

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Dear FCC.

I think you should start putting more educational is better then non educational because educational tv. helps you learn and it tells you whats bad for you to take or eat.

One of the shows is 40210 because it tells you what is bad for you like pills and not to threaten any body. Another show is Sesame Street because it helps you learn your abc's and how to count. More shows like that should be on.

Shows like G.I. Joe's is not educational because it shows war and guns.

Sincerely,
Brooke in 4th grade

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Dear FCC,

I think that the tv needs more Educational tv shows. But I do like the tv the way it is. Shows like ~~Real House~~ are not Educational. There shows are Educational: Sesame Street, and Barney.

I think that the tv is fine the way it is just don't call the tv shows that are not Educational, Educational. Educational tv is a tv show that teaches you how to do things, not to do drugs, math, and how to read.

Tv needs to be Educational because kids need to learn more.

Sincerely

Melissa Almonte

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Street			
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GI Joe			

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Dear F.C.C.

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I define educational television as television that teaches different cultures, languages, letters and teaches songs as found in shows like Barney and Friends, Tiny Toons, Sesame Street and Ghost Writer.

Not educational television is like Married with Children and G.I. Joe. I would suggest take off the shows listed under not educational.

Sincerely,
Jason

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April 15, 1993

Dear FCC ~

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The enclosed letters were written in response to an article seen in the Los Angeles Times asking for public input as to how educational TV should be defined.

The letters were written by 4th grade students in Mr. Warner's class at Big Bear Elementary School in Big Bear Lake.

Sincerely,

Kandice Gantner

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Federal Commerce Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a member of the South Florida Preschool PTA and for the last two months our group, with the support of the Dade County PTA, has been monitoring the amount and quality of children's television aired on public airwave (as opposed to cable) stations in Miami in connection with the Children's Television Monitoring Act of 1990.

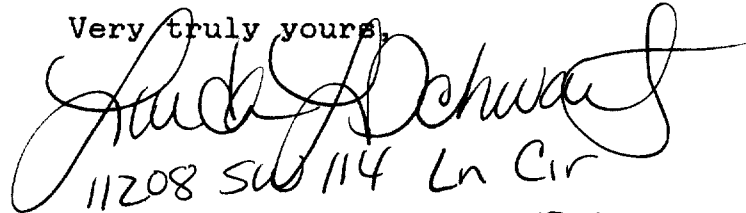
We have been appalled by our discovery that less than 1% of each of the four (4) station's total broadcast time is devoted to children's broadcasting and even more greatly distressed by the fact that less than 25% of that 1% is educational or informational children's programming. (Note, the PBS station was not monitored as we felt the quality and quantity of educational children's television exists there without question.)

According to an article in The Miami Herald on March 7, 1993, the FCC has recently denied station license renewals for lack of children's educational television. Our group commends your actions and sincerely ***urges that the 1990 law be reviewed at the earliest possible date and be made more stringent and specific as to the amounts of educational/informational children's television programming stations are required to air.*** The law, as it presently stands, is too vague as to its addressing of this issue.

Further, we suggest that guidelines as to what constitutes educational/informational children's television programming be established in order that shows like "Leave It to Beaver" cannot be construed by stations as being educational television.

Your promptest attention to any actions that result in more children's educational/informational programming is urged and appreciated by myself, our group and parents nationwide.

Very truly yours,


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Dear FCC,

Educational TV means
With out violence Sesame Street
It teaches you how to count, read
write and your ABC's.

Barny Friends. It will teach
you how to care about people and
friends it also teaches you how to
count, read and share.

Reading Rainbow. It will teach
you about science and social
studies. It will also take you places
you have never been before it takes
you to caves and other places.

Sincerely,

Chris Hind.

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Dear F.C.C.

Educational T.V. is good FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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shows. Like learning how to count,
learning how to say your alphabet. We
need good t.v. shows like since and good
shows. We need bad t.v. shows like
S.C. Joe. We need Educational shows on
the like discovery and Mr. Wizerd's
world. We need to take the cartoons
that just fight and play around on the
shows.

90210 is ~~not~~ Educational t.v. ~~program~~
Full house is ok because you do get
sometimes a good educational time watching
the show. Save by the bell is ok
too just the same as full house.
Discovery is very good because you
learn a lot. Mr. Wizerd is the
same as discovery. Barney is good
for children under four years
old. Same for sesame street is for
children under four.

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Look on back →

Good means it is ~~very~~ educational to.
Ok means it helps sometime.
Not means it is not educational/shows.

	good	ok	not
90210			
Full House			
Save By the Bell			
Discovery			
Mr. Wizard			
Barney			
Sesame Street			

Thank you,
 Jessica
 Cabral

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Dear FCC,

I am in four th Grade and this chart shows that 90210 is not Educational because it Shows violence. And the Cart Shows that Sesame Street is Educational because it shows Children Can learn their ABCS and how to Count.

This is what I call Educational T.V.

Shows	Ed.	little	not
90210			X
Sesame Street	X		
Barney	X		
Full house		X	

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Sincerely,

Jenny
Leann

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Dear F.C.C.:

I think educational T.V. is when you learn something that will give you a good education. It teaches you math, science, history, social studies, about the world, reading, and writing. A lot of kids will watch not because they are learning but because they will have fun watching it, so they will learn and have fun. I hope you put quite a few of educational shows on T.V. Example, Doreme, Street is educational because the kids learn how to count, add, and learn your ABC's.

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from,

Harmon Richert

to. Fcc

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I Feel Like that ~~Educational~~
is Sesame Street, ~~Barney~~
its nice and Educational
and it teaches so when you
get older. It might Be yours
when you are older,

Educational
is Barney and Discovery
channel it teaches you
about wild life and whats
happening in the world.

Not Educational
Geiso and Bart Simpson
Beccose all the Bad Lanuge
and vilence all the kids
will Be. Just Like that when
they grow up.

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